

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

BRUNNER et al.

Serial No. 09/581,843

Filed: June 19, 2000

For: HYDROGENATION OF BENZENEPOLYCARBOXYLIC ACIDS OR
DERIVATIVES THEREOF USING A CATALYST CONTAINING MACROPORES



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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of November 2, 2000, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Amend the claims as follows:

11. (amended) A process for hydrogenating a benzenepolycarboxylic acid or a derivative thereof to the corresponding cyclohexane polycarboxylic acid or a mixture of two or more thereof by bringing the benzenepolycarboxylic acid or the derivative thereof or the mixture of two or more thereof into contact with a hydrogen-containing gas in the presence of a catalyst which comprises as active metal at least one metal of

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